

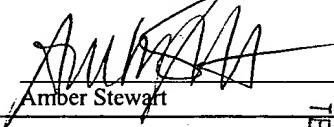
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Filed: January 15, 1999 Docket No. 17642-26  
Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A COMPOSITE MATERIAL AND  
MATERIAL OBTAINED BY MEANS OF SAID METHOD

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2001, Applicant selects, with traverse, Group II, namely, claims 8-9, 13-14, and 18-19 drawn to a method of using a composite material.

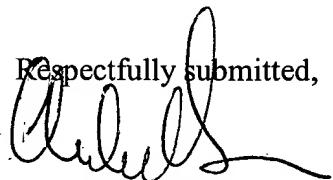
It is submitted that conceptually in order to effectively search the technology of the present invention, it will be necessary to search both groups. The invention is directed to using a composite material. The nature of the composite material is important. To divide the application into multiple invention is simply to burden the Applicant with the need to file multiple applications, and moreover, to burden the public in requiring a review of the multiple applications.

In the result for the Examiner to effect an appropriate search, the Examiner should be searching not only the use of the composite material but also the composite material itself.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the requirement for the election and to perform a search on all of claims 5-23.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance, and such early action is respectfully solicited. Should matters remain which the Examiner believes could be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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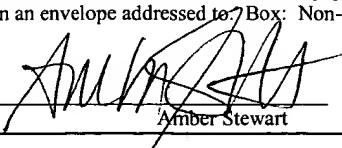
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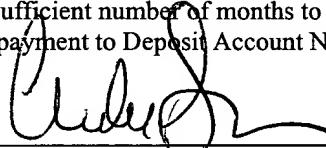
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